

Harvard University,

Cambridge, February 7th, 1889.

Dear Dr. Watson, -

I have received to-day a letter from Professor Coulter to the effect that his part of the revision of the Manual is completed, and that he has spent six full months upon it, giving all his time;—that is, since June 1st, he has given three-fourths of his time to the revision. This is a larger proportion of his time than I had supposed he could spare. Does the amount of work make it seem to you a fair charge? He is to be paid at the rate of two hundred and fifty dollars a month for all his time.

Very truly yours,

Charles W. Eliot

Feb 6th

Handwritten notes: 92/2, 289, 284, 376, 150, 14.00

The amt of Prof. Coulter's charge appears to be excessive. The number of pages of the manual revised by him is 376 1/2

Dr. Sereno Watson. which makes the expense \$4.00 per page for his work.

The quality of it is just what I expected, demanding a careful & thorough revision again on my part. But this, under the agreement made by you with him, cannot be taken in ag. And his own word must be accepted respecting the amt of time which he has spent upon it. I do not know just how his charge can honorably be reduced, unless it be under the item of the amt which limits the time within which his work was to be done. It is my impression, but I may be mistaken that he appeared to spend 6 months upon it — & upon this basis I considered the compensation very liberal. Coulter proposes to send proof, prepare index, etc.